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connection with a PIN code, as well as the so-called "hand-

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"over", i.e. the transfer of an existing connection from one network termination circuit to another (adjacent) network termination circuit.

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When the communication network according to the present invention is introduced to an existing conventional network, it is desirable that the existing operation can be continued. For that purpose, the network termination circuits are provided with an additional radio interface. To allow a choice between an existing "fixed" connection ("individual subscriber connection") and a new "line-specific" subscriber connection, a changeover device must be provided, which may operate, for example, in such a way that the "fixed" subscriber connection is given priority, and in case of a radio-operated actuation, the latter is changed over from the affected network termination circuit to an adjacent network termination circuit in the manner of the already mentioned prior-art "handover".

*Independent  
entity  
of  
prior art*

Only in areas with sparse or no population, where no telephone system exists, lines would have to be laid with a network termination circuits and radio interfaces at appropriate intervals.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claim:

7. A communication network for the establishment and operation of individual communication connections including a network termination circuit to which each subscriber can

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be connected, said network termination circuit being provided with a radio interface and given a local identity, and being connected by firmly assigned local lines to a central office.

Please amend claims 2-6 as follows:

2. (Amended) The communication network according to claim 7, wherein said network termination circuit is assigned to a subscriber-specific terminal for no longer than the duration of an individual communication connection.

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3. (Amended) The communication network according to claim 2, wherein every subscriber-specific terminal is provided with a transmitter/receiver which is compatible with a radio interface.

4. (Amended) The communication network according to claim 3, wherein every subscriber-specific terminal can be connected to any network termination circuit that happens to be available.

5. (Amended) The communication network according to claim 4, wherein within the framework of an individual communication connection a subscriber-specific terminal can be switched from one network termination circuit to another.

6. (Amended) The communication network according to claim 7, wherein in conventional communication networks with subscriber-specific network termination circuits, these network termination circuits can also be provided with an additional radio interface, and that suitable changeover devices are provided which allow alternative operation in either the "subscriber-specific" mode or in the "only line-specific" mode.